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# The Token Hunter

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*Dedicated to the collecting, recording and preserving of Utah's historical medals, tokens, coins and bottles*

## President's Message



Hello N.U.T.S. Club Members and happy Father's Day! As I write this, we are gearing up for the Coin and Token Show, our major fund raising event. Thank you to all who have volunteered to come out and help with set up and the hospitality desk. Please attend, we have some terrific vendors coming this year. Don't forget your club membership card, admission is free with it! Thanks again to Wilf Blum for his wonderful presentation on Deep Blue Marine's continuing treasure recovery efforts in the Dominican Republic. This month, Mr. Charles Keller, noted historian and author of "The Lady in the Ore Bucket" will be speaking on the mining and lumber history of Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons and the Alta mining district. I hope everyone has finally had a chance to enjoy the improved weather and get some hunting in. See you Thursday at the meeting. Mike



Welcome back Mary we missed you!



Bob Campbell



Mark, Bill & Leo

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will have lots of great prizes



Gold piece  
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Coins

## QUIZ

### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

- 1) Why does Lincoln's portrait face to the right on the penny, while all other coin portraits face to the left?
- 2) What is the longest-running coin design in the history of the U.S. Mint?
- 3) In what year did the Lincoln penny contain 0% copper?
- 4) What two significant events in American history does the 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial One Cent Program commemorate?

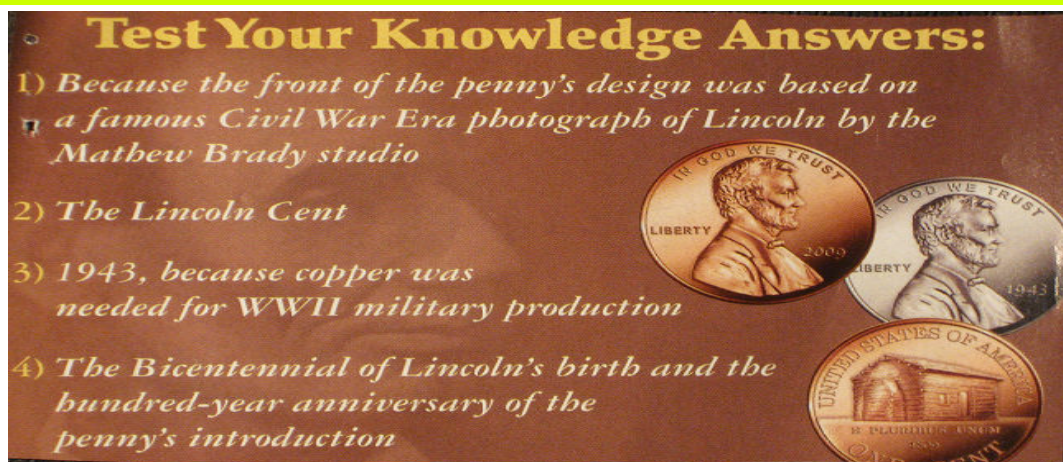
(see answers inside)

If you follow the online forums or subscribe to any of the treasure hunting magazines, I'm sure you have seen more than one article regarding cities and states passing new laws regarding the use of metal detectors and relic hunting in general. One state has even gone so far as to require an archeological permit even when hunting on private property with permission!

Where are these changes coming from? Certainly, a disconnect exists between the professional archeological community and those of us who go out on our off time in search of coins, tokens, and collectible objects. In my opinion there have been just too many incidents of trespassing on private property, cultural sites, poor etiquette in target extraction and filling of holes, and negative encounters with public officials that have added fuel to this fire. A lot of us haul hazardous needles, sharp metal, dog stuff, and trash out of city parks, schools, and the like. So, why the bad press? You know that old saying "it only takes one "aw-shucks" to wipe out three atta-boys?, it's true. One careless individual digging craters in a manicured lawn is all it takes for the no metal detecting signs to go up. Don't believe it? Try hunting the parks in Logan and Midway...

What can we do to improve our image? I've had success hauling around and filling a trash bag in sight of parks workers for a little while before I ask to hunt. How about reaching out to some officials and loaning or donating some of those finds to a University, city display, museum or local historical society? There are a lot of overlooked opportunities to educate people and further the credibility of the part time hunter. I have had several instances where someone who was initially alarmed at watching me recover a target has actually invited me to hunt their property once they understood my techniques were sound and they themselves became intrigued by the historical possibilities of their land.

Our past gets discarded and paved away every day in ordinary places, never to be seen again by amateurs or archeologists. It is the amateur hunter that keeps this past alive. Please, continue to educate yourself and others on regulations, promote and protect our hobby with all those you come into contact with, and remember our code





At the May meeting, Mr. Wilf Blum gave an incredible presentation on Deep Blue Marine's exploration and recovery of shipwrecks. Through very good relations with the Dominican Republic, Deep Blue has been granted unprecedented access to wreck sites and has made significant recoveries of gold, silver, and artifacts. N.U.T.S club members had the rare opportunity to view some of the dive sites as well as handle actual treasure recovered from them. Thanks to Mr. Blum and others, talks are currently underway for a shipwreck museum to be constructed in Utah County.



**The N.U.T.S. Club Sponsored Coin Show is this Month, June 24th & 25th .**

**This event is a major fund raiser for our club! We'd love to see a big member turnout to assist with ticket sales, event set up and take down, not to mention free admission to the show and some great collecting opportunities.**

**Remember, volunteers are awarded extra tickets for the big drawing at the Christmas party!**

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

## Miscellaneous club news

Meeting: 7:00 p.m. June 23rd  
Columbus Community Center  
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### Finds of the month





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### *The Collecting Guide to the Pioneer Minor Coinage of American Saloons*

~ full color publication filled with saloon history, early photographs, 100-year old advertisements and directory listings, Wild West saloon stories, population information, top ten lists, rarity ratings, tables to inventory and catalog your collection and more! This book will be an invaluable reference for saloon token collectors and a great compliment to saloon token directories.


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